## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

WINTER BAYNES-BOWDEN and DARREN BOWDEN,

Plaintiffs,

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Case No. 11-CV-15052 HON. GEORGE CARAM STEEH

LINDA MANNING-PARK, DTG OPERATIONS, INC., d/b/a THRIFTY CAR RENTAL-MICHIGAN, and SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF ILLINOIS,

Defendants.

## ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS DTG OPERATIONS, INC. AND LINDA MANNING-PARK'S MOTION TO BIFURCATE FIRST-PARTY AND THIRD PARTY CASES FOR TRIAL (#7)

On June 30, 2011, plaintiffs filed a complaint against defendants in Wayne County Circuit Court for damages allegedly resulting from a July 8, 2008 motor vehicle accident. On November 15, 2011, defendant Manning-Park removed the case to this court. On December 21, 2011, defendants DTG Operations and Manning-Park filed a motion to bifurcate first-party and third party cases for trial. No response was filed by the deadline imposed by the Local Rules of the Eastern District of Michigan. Therefore, for the reasons set forth in defendants' motion, the motion to bifurcate is GRANTED.

Dated: January 12, 2012

s/George Caram Steeh
GEORGE CARAM STEEH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon attorneys of record on January 12, 2012, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

<u>s/Marcia Beauchemin</u>

Deputy Clerk